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**ARROYO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO RECEIVE “FIRST EVER” GOLD AWARD FOR
MEETING THE USDA HEALTHIER US SCHOOL CHALLENGE**
*ARIZONA SCHOOLS CHIEF TOM HORNE AND US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO
PRESENT AWARD*

PHOENIX (Tuesday, January 29, 2008) -- Arizona Schools Chief Tom Horne and Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services Nancy Montanez Johner will present on Wednesday, January 30, the “first ever” Arizona school with the Gold Award for meeting the USDA’s Healthier US school challenge. Arroyo Elementary school, in the Washington Elementary School District, is the first school to earn the designation and the Washington Elementary District is one of only 23 U.S. districts that have qualified for the Healthier US Gold Level Team Nutrition School.

Horne stated: “The Arizona Department of Education worked closely with the district to achieve the Healthier US School Challenge Award. This is an incredible accomplishment and my hope is that more schools will work on meeting the USDA’s Healthier US Schools Challenge.”

The USDA’s School Challenge is an extension of President Bush’s Healthier US initiative that encourages all Americans to eat a nutritious diet and become physically active each day. The Healthier US School Challenge is designed to build upon USDA’s Team Nutrition program, which provides nutrition education materials for children and families.

The President’s Healthier US School Challenge recognizes elementary schools that voluntarily meet nutrition criteria established by USDA’s Food and Nutrition Service, awarding them either Gold, Silver or Bronze status. In order to be certified as part of the Healthier US School Challenge, schools must enroll in Team Nutrition and must meet higher standards in nutrition and physical education.

**WHO: ARIZONA SCHOOLS CHIEF TOM HORNE AND USDA TO PRESENT GOLD
AWARD TO ARROYO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR OUTSTANDING
NUTRITION STANDARDS**

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2008

TIME: 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

**WHERE: ARROYO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - CAFETERIA
4535 WEST CHOLLA
GLENDALE, AZ 85304**

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